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# FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT



Town of  
**SUGAR HILL**  
New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 2006



**The 2006 Town Report** is dedicated to the residents of Sugar Hill and the surrounding communities who gave their time and financial assistance to the “Bring Jose Home Project”. As a community we have shown no matter how small we are, together our heart is large. We thank everyone for their commitment and concern shown to Chief Jose Pequeno and his family.

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*“Franconia Range as seen from Iris Farm”*

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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Richard Bielefield, Chairman	(Term Expires 2009)
John J. Strasser, III	(Term Expires 2008)
Harry L. Reid	(Term Expires 2007)

### **TOWN OFFICE**

Telephone 823-8468

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Jennifer P. Gaudette

### **TOWN CLERK**

Lissa Boissonneault

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Lissa Boissonneault  
Elizabeth Coombs Andross, Deputy

### **TREASURER**

Amy Venezia

### **TOWN AUDITOR**

William W. Pinney

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Jose L. Pequeno (Appointed)  
David D. Wentworth, EOC

### **FIRE CHIEF / FIRE WARDEN**

Allan Clark (Appointed)

### **TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY**

**911**

**EMERGENCY ONLY**

### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**1-800-564-6911**

**Non-Emergency 823-8123**

### **HIGHWAY AGENT**

Douglas R. Glover

### **OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

Board of Selectmen

### **HEALTH OFFICER**

Margaret Connors

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Allan Clark

### **MODERATOR**

James F. Snyder (2008)

### **TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**

Bruce S. Perlo	(2009)
Richard Gagne	(2008)
David F. McPhaul	(2007)

### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Judith Weisenberger	(2012)
Starcy Branch	(2010)
Dr. John Rowbotham, Chairman	(2008)

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Rosemary Ellms	(2009)
Irene Amsbary	(2008)
Elaine Burpee	(2007)

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

	Beth Perlo	(2007)	
Holly Hayward	(2007)	Nancy D. Aldrich	(2009)
Kathleen Jablonski	(2008)	Meri Hern	(2009)

## PLANNING BOARD

	Robert Hayward, Jr., Chairman	(2009)	
James Keefe	(2009)	Christopher Thayer	(2008)
David Thurston	(2009)	Arthur Chase	(2008)
John J. Strasser	(2007)	June Chase, Alternate	(2008)
Sidney Regan	(2007)	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2007)

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

	Michael Hern, Chairman	(2007)	
Peter Anderson	(2008)	Janet Anderson	(2009)
Walter Zandi	(2008)	Catherine Burke	(2009)
Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2007)	Sarah Pinney, Alternate	(2007)

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Margaret Connors, Chairman	(2008)	Robert Benson, (resigned 2006)	(2009)
Peter Carbonneau	(2009)	Ailsa Gagel	(2008)
Timothy Williams	(2008)	Grant Ruggles	(2007)
Kathie Galligan	(2007)	Luther Kinney	(2007)
Janet Williams, Alternate	(2008)	Edna Glaessel, Alternate	(2008)

## RECREATION PROGRAM SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES

Gordon Johnk  
Jean Serino

All 2006 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen's Office and available upon request.



# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - RESULTS

## MARCH 14, 2006

Moderator James F. Snyder declared the polls open at 11:00 AM for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers) and Article 2 (to amend Article 3 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to height restrictions). Polls will close at 7:30 PM unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 PM.

**ARTICLE 1:** To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year
- One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Board of Adjustment members to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years
- A Town Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

### Results of Article 1:

Selectman, Three Year Term.....	Richard Bielefield.....	98
Town Treasurer, One Year Term.....	Amy Venezia.....	101
Town Clerk, One Year Term.....	Lissa Boissonneault.....	103
Tax Collector, One Year Term.....	Lissa Boissonneault.....	103
Overseer of Public Welfare, One Year Term.....	Lissa Boissonneault.....	5
.....	Margo Connors.....	5
Town Auditor, One Year Term.....	William Pinney.....	21
Library Trustee, Three Year Term.....	Rosemary C. Ellms.....	96
Two Board of Adjustment, Three Year Term.....	Janet Anderson.....	90
.....	Catherine Burke.....	89
Two Cemetery Trustee, Three Year Term.....	Nancy D. Aldrich.....	98
.....	Meri Hern.....	89
Trustee the Trust Funds, Three Year Term.....	Bruce Perlo.....	95
Supervisor of the Checklist.....	Judith C. Weisenberger.....	99
Town Moderator.....	James F. Snyder.....	99

### ARTICLE 2: (To Vote by Official Ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to height restrictions. The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the Article 3 Section 308.3A of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?  
(The Planning Board recommends the adoption of the amendment.)

**Results for Article 2: Yes.....94 No.....11**

Moderator James F. Snyder opened the meeting asking that all take a moment to send best wishes and thoughts to our Chief of Police, Jose Pequeno who was critically injured in Iraq on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that he would read the following articles and if anyone had questions, to please raise their hand and they would be recognized. Moderator Snyder also requested that those that made motions or wished to speak, identify themselves and speak loudly and clearly so that the Town Clerk could record them correctly. He would not read Article 3 line by line but would take discussion on whatever item to come under question.

**ARTICLE 3:** To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive .....	\$46,500.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	17,220.00
Payroll Taxes .....	20,000.00
Financial Administration .....	29,000.00
Property Revaluation .....	12,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	6,000.00
Planning Board .....	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	800.00
Insurance.....	113,842.67
General Government Buildings .....	69,100.00
Rent.....	35,000.00
Buildings & Grounds.....	34,664.00
Cemetery.....	6,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,548.28
North Country Council.....	1,048.28
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce.....	6,500.00
Police Department .....	134,600.00
Fire Department.....	60,800.00
Ambulance.....	3,140.00
Ross Ambulance .....	1,640.00
Life Squad.....	1,500.00
Emergency Management .....	100.00
Town Maintenance .....	118,868.00
General Highway Department Expense.....	107,191.00
Highway Block Grant .....	44,959.00
Street Lighting .....	7,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal.....	34,013.76
Health, Hospitals.....	4,091.00
North Country Home Health.....	1,247.00
Grafton County Senior.....	550.00
American Red Cross .....	250.00
Hospice .....	366.00
White Mountain Mental Health .....	678.00
Littleton Hospital .....	500.00
Ammonoosuc Comm Health.....	500.00
Welfare .....	5,725.00



Tri-County Cap .....	725.00
Unemployment .....	100.00
Library .....	14,200.00
Parks and Recreation .....	16,144.39
North Country YMCA .....	150.00
Patriotic Purposes .....	750.00
Conservation Commission .....	2,000.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes .....	4,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$924,357.10

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Second by Donald Kreider

A discussion followed.

**All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by William Pinney

Second by Beth Perlo

A discussion followed.

**All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Gail Clark

Second by Bruce Perlo

A discussion followed.

**All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be used for Highway Department Road work. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by James McCusker

Second by Bruce Perlo

A discussion followed.

**All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Sarah Pinney

Second by James McCusker

A discussion followed.

**All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.**



**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Bruce Perlo

Second by Beverly Frenkiewich

A discussion followed.

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Beth Perlo

Second by Sarah Pinney

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Sarah Pinney

Second by Bruce Perlo

**All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be used to purchase new air packs for the Sugar Hill Fire Department.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Gordon Johnk

Second by Sarah Pinney

**All in favor “Aye”, opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to establish the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA35:3 for the purpose of providing funds for rehabilitation of existing bridges and to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in said funds and name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend the fund for the objectives stated in this Article.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Joseph Cushing

Seconded by James McCusker

**All in favor “Aye”, opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7, Sugar Hill Town Warrant adopted March 14, 2000 to read as follows; To see if the Town will vote to deposit the first Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) and Fifty Percent (50%) of the remainder up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) of the annual revenues collected pursuant to RSA79-A (The Land Use change Tax) in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79:A25 II.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by William Pinney

Second by Dudley Bailey

Discussion Followed

**All in Favor “Aye”, opposed “No”. the “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to lease the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building from the Sugar Hill Improvement Association for a term of seventy five (75) years and further, to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate the terms of said lease, and to take such other actions as may be necessary to implement this article.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved by Beth Perlo

Second by Bruce Perlo

Discussion Followed

**All in favor “Aye”, opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to convey its interest in the former Fire Department Building currently housing the Sugar Hill Historical Museum to the Sugar Hill Improvement Association.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved by Beverly Frenkiewich

Second by Bruce Perlo

Discussion Followed

**All in Favor “Aye”, opposed “No”. The “Ayes” have it.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Sergeant David Wentworth read greetings from Police Chief Jose Pequeno’s family with their thanks for all the support and concern shown by the residents of Sugar Hill. Sergeant Wentworth also expressed his thanks to all of Sugar Hill for the support shown to him and the department during this difficult time. Selectman Richard Bielefield announced that there were cards for Jose in the foyer for all to sign which will go to him at Bethesda Naval Hospital with wished for his recovery in the months to come. He stated that there will be a benefit dinner for Jose on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the meeting house. Richard also thanked Mike and Meri Hern for the delicious meal they prepared for the election workers. He also thanked and recognized Edith Aldrich, Rebecca Brown, Ellie Card and Lynn Kenerson for their years of service to the Town. Richard thanked all those at the Town Office that help to keep the town running smoothly.

The following motion was made by Allan Clark and seconded by Richard Bielefield: To instruct the Town Clerk to advise Police Chief Jose Pequeno that the Town is offering its collective prayers and well wishes for a quick recovery and return and that Chief Pequeno’s family be granted the strength necessary to assist Chief Pequeno in his recovery. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Hansalik reminded everyone of the school meeting on Saturday, March 18. He stated that the outcome will affect the children and taxes of Sugar Hill for many years to come and urged all to become involved. Sidney Regen explained the format of the school meeting. James Snyder reiterated the importance of attending the meeting. Karen Locke questioned the response time of a 911 call. Sergeant Wentworth will check on this and stated that the 911 calls are answered through Concord, NH now. Roger Aldrich volunteered to answer any questions concerning Article 15 and the relationship between the Sugar Hill Historical Museum and the Sugar Hill Improvement Association. He



stated that if there are questions that they should be addressed ASAP as he is getting on in age so get to him while “the getting is good”! Lissa Boissonneault reminded all of the annual Sugar Hill 4<sup>th</sup> of July pot luck dinner at the Crapo Building. There will be posters out to remind Sugar Hill Residents of the date and particulars.

As the ballots were still being counted Bruce Perlo made the motion to recess the meeting, seconded by William Pinney. Motion passed.

The meeting was reopened and results read. Motion was made to adjourn

Moved by William Pinney

Seconded by Douglas Glover

**All in Favor “Aye”, opposed “No”, The “Ayes” have it.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Town Clerk

# BALANCE SHEET

(As at December 31, 2006)

## ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash - Unrestricted Checking		\$321,161.36
Cash - Restricted Savings Conservation Fund		25,422.89
Cash – Unrestricted Savings		230,527.28
Cash – Police Acct		1,164.03
Total Checking/Savings		578,275.56
Accounts Receivable:		
Levy of 2006	\$151,112.09	
Reserve for Uncollected, etc.	<u>(20,455.00)</u>	
Total Accounts Receivable		130,657.09
Total Unredeemed Taxes		42,512.31
Taxes Deeded Property Subject to Resale		<u>6,172.58</u>
Total Assets		\$757,617.54

## LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable	<u>\$490,977.00</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		\$490,977.00
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	6,172.58	
Reserved for Conservation Fund	25,422.89	
Total Long Term Liabilities		31,595.47
Total Liabilities		522,572.47
Net Income	5,992.29	
Fund Balance – Unreserved, Undesignated	<u>229,052.78</u>	
Total Equity		<u>\$235,045.07</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>\$757,617.54</u>



## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 730,591.00
Land	55,094,641.00
Buildings	77,199,600.00
Public Utilities	<u>933,475.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	133,227,716.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>95,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education Less Utilities	 133,132,716.00 <u>933,475.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax Is Computer	 \$132,199,241.00

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 1,111,357.00		
Less: Revenues	(417,780.00)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(6,235.00)		
Add: Overlay	20,455.00		
War Service Credits	<u>6,200.00</u>		
Net Town Appropriations		713,997.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			5.36
Net Local School Budget	0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	1,075,641.00		
Less: Equitable Education Grant	0.00		
State Education Taxes	<u>(310,745.00)</u>		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		764,896.00	
Local Education Tax Rate			5.75
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$2.52		
123,556,711		310,745.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			2.35
132,199,241			
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State		0.00	
Due to County	166,616.00		
Less Revenue and Credits	<u>(1,397.00)</u>		
Net County Tax Assessment		165,219.00	
County Tax Rate			1.24
Combined Tax Rate			14.70
Total Property Taxes Assessed		1,954,857.00	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(6,200.00)</u>	
Property Tax To Be Raised		\$1,948,657.00	

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Meetinghouse, Land and Buildings	\$199,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	64,247.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	15,000.00
Police Department Equipment	45,000.00
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	240,000.00
Equipment	985,000.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	176,600.00
Equipment	454,750.00
Town Hall, Furniture and Equipment	50,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	
Coffin Pond	26,000.00
Historical Museum	91,000.00
Woodland	
Creamery Pond	22,900.00
Land - Pearl Lake Road	19,400.00
Land - Route 117	2,400.00
Land - Route 93	3,400.00
Cemeteries	<u>13,900.00</u>
Total	\$2,247,797.00



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my report of the financial doings of my office for the year 2006:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$136,762.03
Dog Licenses Issued:	414.00
Marriage Licenses:	380.00
Other Permits and Fees:	<u>2,024.00</u>

Total	\$139,580.03
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Remittances to Treasurer:	
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$136,762.03
Town Clerk Fees:	1,001.00
Title Application Fees:	310.00
Dog Licenses Issued:	414.00
Dog License Fees:	82.00
Dog License Penalty:	25.00
Dog License Late Fees:	4.00
Marriage Licenses Issued:	380.00
Town Clerk Fees:	70.00
Vital Statistics:	141.00
Town Clerk Fee:	71.00
UCC Filing Fee:	240.00
Federal Tax Lien Fee:	15.00
State Tax Lien Fee:	45.00
Turtle Ridge Foundation:	5.00
Insufficient Funds Fees:	<u>60.00</u>

Total	\$139,580.03
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Respectfully submitted,  
Lissa M. Boissonneault  
Town Clerk

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006

### DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes – Beginning of Fiscal Year:	Levies of 2006	Levies of 2005	Levies of 2004
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$127,503.98	
Land Use Change	0.00	3,921.30	
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00	
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	1,949,669.89	0.00	
Land Use Change	43,120.00	0.00	
Yield Taxes	8,588.23	0.00	
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	0.00	1,175.92	
Land Use Change	0.00	576.27	
Interest Late Tax	<u>1,296.58</u>	<u>5,264.93</u>	
Total Debits	\$2,002,691.95	\$138,807.65	0.00

### CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$1,797,545.20	\$ 103,402.91	
Land Use Change	43,120.00	0.00	
Yield Taxes	4,956.05	0.00	
Interest	1,296.58	5,841.20	
Penalties	0.00	0.00	
Conversion to Lien	0.00	28,022.37	
Costs Not Lienen	17.25	365.25	
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	1,012.60	1,175.92	
Adjustment	3,632.18	0.00	
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:			
Property Taxes	15,112.09	0.00	
Land Use	3,921.30	0.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Credits	\$2,002,691.95	\$138,807.65	0.00



## SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

<b>DEBITS</b>				
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Prior</b>
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance at				
Beginning of				
Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$24,716.59	\$ 17,098.53	\$1,980.14
Liens Executed				
During Fiscal Year	30,814.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs				
Collected After				
Lien Execution	<u>62.13</u>	<u>3,113.54</u>	<u>4,418.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Debits	30,876.14	27,830.13	21,517.17	1,980.14
<b><u>CREDITS</u></b>				
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Prior</b>
Remittances to Treasurer:				
Redemptions	3,416.64	9,601.65	17,098.53	1,980.14
Interest & Cost				
After Lien Execution	62.13	3,113.54	4,418.64	0.00
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance End of				
Fiscal Year	<u>27,397.37</u>	<u>15,114.94</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	\$30,876.14	\$27,830.13	\$21,517.17	\$1,980.14

## UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS  
INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia	\$ 1,734.48	\$1,681.58
Corliss, Langford	2,378.24	1,192.88
Hayward, Paul	11,789.93	4,163.35
Hersh, Lawrence M.	519.35	
Peckett, Robert P. III	9,230.31	6,365.73
Young, Gary G. Jr.	<u>1,745.06</u>	<u>1,711.40</u>
Totals	\$27,397.37	\$15,114.94

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2006**  
**Cash Basis**

Beginning Cash Balance Checking, January 1, 2006	\$572,281.60
Beginning Cash Balance Savings, January 1, 2006	0.00

**RECEIPTS**

Tax Collector	\$2,024,258.08	
Town Clerk	139,580.03	
Selectmen	101,921.64	
Loan Proceeds (Tax Anticipation Notes)	250,000.00	
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)	107,142.86	
State Grant	1,397.20	
Interest on Savings Account	527.28	
Interest on NOW Account	<u>384.69</u>	
Total Receipts		\$2,625,211.78

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Orders of Selectmen	2,395,804.74	
Loans Repayments	<u>250,000.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>2,645,804.74</u>
Ending Cash Balance NOW Checking, December 31, 2006		\$ 321,161.36
Ending Cash Balance Savings, December 31, 2006		230,527.28
Total		<u><u>551,688.64</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy M. Venezia, Treasurer

**POLICE PERMIT ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance 1/1/06	\$1,054.45	
Deposits	75.00	
Interest Earned	<u>34.58</u>	
Balance 12/31/06		\$1,164.03

**CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND**

Beginning Balance 1/1/06	\$14,912.41	
Deposits	10,000.00	
Interest Earned	<u>510.48</u>	
Balance 12/31/06		\$25,422.89

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

### Cash Basis

#### Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$1,797,545.20
Yield Taxes, Current Year	4,956.05
Property Tax Interest and Cost, Current Year	1,679.08
Property Taxes, Prior Year	127,503.98
Current Use Change, Current Year	47,041.30
Current Use Interest	576.27
Property Tax Interest and Costs, Prior Year	5,264.93
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	32,096.96
Lien Interest & Penalties, Prior Years	<u>7,594.31</u>

#### Total Taxes Collected

\$2,024,258.08

#### From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permits	136,762.03
Town Clerk Fees	1,001.00
Title Application Fees	310.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	525.00
Marriage Licenses	450.00
Vital Statistics	212.00
Insufficient Fund Fees	60.00
UCC Filing Fees	240.00
Filing Fees	<u>20.00</u>

#### Total Town Clerk

139,580.03

Building Permits	1,645.00
Police Department Revenue	255.00
Zoning Board Fees	855.00
Planning Board Fees	4,570.00
Selectmen	985.30
Cemetery	1,250.00
Rent of Town Property	325.00
Insurance Reimbursements	7,708.66
Cable TV Permit	<u>727.02</u>

#### Total Miscellaneous

18,320.98

#### From State:

Highway Block	44,959.30
Revenue Sharing Block	13,910.00
Rooms and Meals	24,731.36
State Grant CC	1,397.20
Federal Grants	<u>46,000.00</u>

#### Total From State & Federal Grants

130,997.86



Interest on NOW & Savings Account	911.97	
Capital Reserve Funds	61,142.86	
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	<u>250,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		<u>312,054.83</u>
Total Receipts From All Sources		2,625,211.78
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2006		572,281.60
Grand Total Of Receipts		<u><u>\$3,197,493.38</u></u>

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

### General Government:

Executive	\$ 39,562.71	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	14,785.37	
Financial Administration	19,800.09	
Revaluation of Property	10,961.00	
Legal Expenses	5,253.00	
General Government Buildings	36,209.79	
Rent Crapo Building	35,000.00	
Crapo Building Roof (CRF)	23,782.06	
Grounds and Maintenance	29,130.82	
Planning Board	3,075.35	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	473.92	
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,548.28	
Cemeteries	6,113.06	
Insurance	83,408.87	
Payroll Taxes	<u>19,924.56</u>	
Total General Government Expenses		\$335,028.88

### Public Safety:

Police Department	133,742.34	
Fire Department	59,301.18	
Warrant Article (#11)	41,664.07	
Franconia Life Squad/ Ross Ambulance	<u>3,140.00</u>	
Total Public Safety Expenses		237,847.59

### Highway, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	116,312.12	
General Expenses of Highway Department	107,086.84	
Highway Block Grant	44,959.00	
Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund	63,611.50	
Street Lighting	6,729.77	
Highway Dept. Truck (CRF)	<u>37,360.80</u>	
Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses		376,060.03

### Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	33,514.00	
Total Sanitation		33,514.00

### Health:

Health, Hospitals	<u>4,091.00</u>	
Total Health Expenses		4,091.00

### Welfare:

Assistance	<u>1,038.62</u>	
Total Welfare Expenses		1,038.62

Culture and Recreation:		
Library	13,754.18	
Recreation	13,140.00	
Patriotic	<u>606.44</u>	
Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		27,500.62
Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	1,973.92	
Current Use Conservation Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		11,973.92
Debt. Service:		
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>1,334.15</u>	
Total Debt. Service Payments		1,334.15
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Article #5 Highway Equipment	40,000.00	
Article #7 Police	12,000.00	
Article #8 Fire Department	20,000.00	
Article #9 Meetinghouse	10,000.00	
Article #10 Crapo Building	30,000.00	
Article #12 Bridge	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		122,000.00
Miscellaneous:		
Tax Refunds, Overpayments, Abatements	1,776.92	
Taxes Bought by Town	<u>30,814.01</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		32,590.93
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation	<u>250,000.00</u>	
Total Unclassified Expenses		250,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	166,616.00	
Payments to School Districts	<u>1,046,209.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>1,212,825.00</u>
Grand Total of Expenditures		\$2,645,804.74



## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### Executive:

Selectmen - Salary	\$ 4,800.00
Administrative - Gaudette	18,331.21
Hourly Help - Andross	5,675.00
Moderator - Salary	100.00
Workshops	296.32
Telephone	1,142.84
Computer Services, Internet, Equipment	1,826.20
Mapping	1,885.00
Registry	77.56
Printing/Notices	2,162.50
Dues & Subscriptions	1,143.12
Office Supplies	1,134.17
Postage	587.00
Books & Periodicals	359.29
Misc Expense	<u>42.50</u>

### Total Executive Expenses

\$ 39,562.71

### Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Checklist - Salary	525.00
Ballot Clerks - Salary	440.00
Town Clerk - Boissonneault	4,877.25
Workshops	836.64
Computer - Programs, Training, Equipment	3,515.49
Telephone	228.60
Printing/Notices	78.13
Dues	95.00
Office Supplies	732.59
Postage	39.00
MV Fees Town & State	1,546.50
Title Fees	310.00
Vital Statistics	255.00
Vital Fees	71.00
UCC Fees	506.00
Dog Licenses	197.50
Dog Fees	82.00
Marriage Licenses	266.00
Marriage Fees	70.00
Miscellaneous Fees	<u>113.67</u>

### Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

14,785.37

### Financial Administration:

Tax Collector - Boissonneault	4,362.75
Dep Tax / Trusts - Andross	6,055.00
Treasurer	1,500.00

Workshops	20.00	
Auditor	1,530.00	
Bank Fees	250.15	
Telephone	355.27	
Computer -Program, Training & Equipment	3,550.53	
Research Lien	182.00	
Registry	135.36	
Office Supplies	514.74	
Printing	186.80	
Postage	1,003.49	
Lien Fees	<u>154.00</u>	
Total Financial Administration Expenses		19,800.09
Total Revaluation		10,961.00
Total Legal Expenses		5,253.00
Payroll Taxes:		
Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	15,298.76	
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	4,350.80	
Payroll – Other	<u>275.00</u>	
Total Payroll Taxes Expense		19,924.56
Planning Board:		
Secretary - Salary	1,862.84	
Workshops	25.00	
Computer	45.10	
Grafton County Registry	283.17	
Printing/Notices/Books	464.75	
Office Supplies	143.57	
Postage	<u>250.92</u>	
Total Planning Board Expenses		3,075.35
Zoning Board:		
Secretary	242.11	
Printing/Notices/Books	146.88	
Postage	<u>84.93</u>	
Total Zoning Board Expenses		473.92
Government Buildings:		
Eleonore Card - Salary	10,139.66	
Timothy Howland	5,745.00	
Telephone (Elevator)	811.60	
Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	4,174.89	
Heating Oil (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	7,733.67	
Maintenance - Purchased	4,642.05	
Supplies	2,202.92	
Rent	35,000.00	

Clock Maintenance	760.00	
Total Government Buildings Expenses		71,209.79
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Lloyd Card - Salary	24,801.96	
Eleonore Card	46.90	5,745.00
Uniforms	48.64	
Supplies	605.88	
Maintenance & Repair	45.00	
Diesel	658.28	
Groundskeeping	984.03	
Vehicle Repair	92.45	
Miscellaneous Expense	70.00	
New Equipment	<u>1,777.68</u>	
Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		29,130.82
Crapo Capital Reserve :		
Roofing, Septic Pumps, Tree Removal		23,782.06
Cemeteries:		
Tree Removal	3,400.00	
Burial	160.00	
Maintenance	553.06	
Stone Cleaning	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Cemeteries Expenses		6,113.06
Insurance:		
Health - Building & Grounds	12,081.84	
Highway	32,620.80	
Police	5,537.51	
Retiree (reimbursed)	7,708.56	
Dental (All Departments)	4,994.90	
Property Liability	14,688.81	
Worker's Compensation	<u>5,776.45</u>	
Total Insurance Expenses		83,408.87
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		7,548.28
Ambulance:		
Ross Ambulance	1,640.00	
Franconia Life Squad	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Expenses		3,140.00
Police Department:		
Jose L. Pequeno, Chief - Salary	9,540.00	
Officer David Wentworth	41,880.00	
Officer Michael Horton	10,101.00	



Officer Brandon Walker	21,068.25	
Officer Robert Garvin	804.75	
Prosecutor	1,750.00	
Health Insurance - Wentworth	10,068.20	
Police Retirement	5,159.36	
Training	948.68	
8123 Line	685.50	
Telephone	2,050.73	
Computer Services	2,154.08	
Dispatch Service	8,355.60	
Medical Services	300.00	
Photo Lab	240.26	
Uniforms	3,758.97	
Dues	2,600.00	
Supplies	823.30	
Office Supplies	785.14	
Radio Maintenance	763.73	
New & Replacement Equipment	1,679.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	2,708.00	
Postage	146.90	
Gasoline	4,991.19	
Books & Periodicals	233.70	
Dog Control	146.00	
Total Police Department Expenses		133,742.34

Fire Department:

Salaries	19,940.00	
Training	938.44	
Telephone	441.83	
Information Line 8123	685.50	
Computer Services	414.55	
Dispatching Services	1,139.40	
Electric	968.09	
Heating Oil	4,136.99	
Building Maintenance	7,851.58	
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	1,676.11	
Dues	493.54	
Supplies	1,085.02	
Propane	224.22	
Diesel Fuel	1,314.90	
Vehicle Maintenance	3,327.84	
Equipment Maintenance	252.50	
Radio Maintenance	701.87	
New & Replacement Equipment	5,369.39	
Communication Equipment	2,808.53	
Tower Safety Equipment (reimbursed)	5,530.88	
Total Fire Department Expenses		59,301.18
Fire Department Grant (Air Packs, Compressor)		41,664.07

Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover - Salary	51,997.98	
Brett Hucksoll	38,448.60	
Timothy Howland	8,880.00	
Wes Griffith	6,386.25	
Kirman Pineo	4,440.00	
Retirement	<u>6,159.29</u>	
Total Town Maintenance		116,312.12
General Highway Department:		
Engineer	2,640.00	
Telephone	1,764.25	
Computer	1,350.40	
Medical Services	125.00	
Electricity	2,306.70	
Heating Oil	4,098.18	
Building Maintenance	9,191.25	
Equipment Rental	300.00	
Uniforms	3,056.36	
Dues	79.95	
Supplies	1,124.18	
Shop Supplies	3,781.61	
Gasoline	4,928.88	
Propane	105.06	
Diesel Fuel	12,663.40	
Vehicle Maintenance	16,327.22	
Equipment Maintenance	4,279.99	
Radio Maintenance	777.77	
Street Maintenance	29,384.47	
Street Signs	955.60	
New Equipment	<u>7,846.57</u>	
Total General Highway Department		107,086.84
Roadwork Non-lapsing Account		63,611.50
Highway Dept. Truck (CRF)		37,360.80
Total Street Lighting Expenses		6,729.77
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		44,959.00
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses		33,514.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		4,091.00
Total Welfare Expenses		1,038.62
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		13,140.00

Library:		
Librarian - Salary	6,337.01	
Telephone	429.29	
Computer	488.77	
Scholarship	400.00	
Postage	80.00	
Books & Periodicals	<u>6,019.11</u>	
Total Library Expenses		13,754.18
Patriotic:		
Town Party	<u>606.44</u>	
Total Patriotic Expenses		606.44
Conservation Commission:		
Mapping	1,015.00	
Dues	300.00	
Office Expense	18.92	
Books & Periodicals	60.00	
Franconia Conservation Commission	340.00	
Equipment Rental	240.00	
Total Conservation Commission Expenses		1,973.92
Current Use Conservation Fund		10,000.00
Total Tax Anticipation Notes Payment		250,000.00
Total Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		1,334.15
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds:		
Meetinghouse	10,000.00	
Highway Department	40,000.00	
Fire Department	20,000.00	
Police Department	12,000.00	
Bridgework	10,000.00	
Crapo Building	<u>30,000.00</u>	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		122,000.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		166,616.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		1,046,209.00
Total Taxes Bought by the Town		30,814.01
Total Tax Refunds, Abatements, Overpayments		<u>1,776.92</u>
Total Detailed Expenses		\$2,645,804.74



The enclosed reports are from the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year 2006.

**CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**  
**Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2006**  
**PRINCIPAL INCOME**

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
06/19/76	Highway Dept. CRF	\$ 1,175.07	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,360.80	\$ 3,814.27	\$ 0.00	\$ 64.54	\$ 0.00	\$ 64.54	\$ 3,878.81
06/23/76	Police Department CRF	25,062.55	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	37,062.55	724.56	1,462.20	0.00	2,186.76	39,249.31
12/31/91	Meetinghouse CRF	7,384.20	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	17,384.20	17.38	550.20	0.00	567.58	17,951.78
03/17/99	Highway Dept. Roadwork CRF	690.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.45	290.21	65.03	0.00	355.24	1,045.69
08/01/04	Carolina Crapo CRF	2,640.10	30,000.00	0.00	23,782.06	8,858.04	53.52	619.98	0.00	673.50	9,531.54
07/19/93	Fire Department CRF	18,963.27	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	38,963.27	524.24	1,322.18	0.00	1,846.42	40,809.69
08/09/06	Highway Bridge	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	198.73	0.00	198.73	10,198.73
TOTAL CAPITAL											
RESERVE FUNDS		\$ 55,915.64	\$ 122,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 61,142.86	\$ 116,772.78	\$ 1,609.91	\$ 4,282.86	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,892.77	\$ 122,665.55

All Funds Invested 100%.  
All Funds are Bank Deposits at Connecticut River Bank N.A. or PDIP.

Respectfully,  
David McPhaul  
Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS  
Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2006

PRINCIPAL INCOME												
Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on		Balance End of Year	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
				Sale of Securities								
10/09/75	Sunnyside Care Fund (1)	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 83.57	\$ 0.00	\$ 83.57	\$ 12,083.57	
09/21/73	Louise Leazott Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	437.04	44.21	0.00	481.25	981.25	
11/05/43	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	101.74	12.21	0.00	113.95	263.95	
11/03/37	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	101.74	12.21	0.00	113.95	263.95	
10/18/56	J. L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	56.71	7.30	0.00	64.01	164.01	
07/11/84	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	64.41	10.25	0.00	74.66	224.66	
10/09/75	Anker Trust (2)	3,500.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.79	814.63	204.67	0.00	1,019.30	4,520.09	
10/09/75	Sunnyside Cemetery Fund (3)	15,648.09	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	16,848.09	3,105.01	1,432.71	0.00	4,537.72	21,385.81	

- (1) Interest only may be used for lot care.  
(2) Funds may be used at discretion of Cemetery Trustees.  
(3) Funds may only be used for Sunnyside Maintenance.  
All Funds Invested 100%.  
All Funds are deposited in PDIP.

Respectfully,  
David McPhaul  
Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds

# LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2006

## PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income End of Year
10/09/75	Gladys Jesseman Memorial Trust	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 96.94	\$ 0.00	\$ 295.56	\$ 2,136.79
09/21/73	Fredericka Harnes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	90.49	0.00	436.58	2,000.68
11/05/43	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	52.30	0.00	252.63	1,156.13
1/22/2001	Richardson Memorial Trust	<u>72,742.51</u>	<u>1,812.48</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>570.44</u>	<u>73,984.55</u>	<u>2,133.25</u>	<u>3,964.64</u>	<u>2,133.25</u>	<u>76,117.80</u>
	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	\$ 77,051.34	\$ 1,812.48	\$ 0.00	\$ 570.44	\$ 78,293.38	\$ 2,372.98	\$ 3,964.64	\$ 3,118.02	\$81,411.40

All Funds Invested 100%.  
All Funds are deposited in PDIP or CD's.

Respectfully,  
David McPhaul  
Chairman, Trustees of Trust Funds

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

All the changes in computer reports and programs we planned for 2006 were completed. Sugar Hill is better automated than most towns in our area. As a result the CPA audit by Ralph Brigida was completed in less than a day. My thanks to him for his great help.

Our investments are now consolidated so we get more interest on our Trust Funds. The Town has its periodic excess funds invested. The Library now controls all its funds as do the Police Department and Conservation Commission. All were audited.

The Town of Sugar Hill should give special thanks to Jennifer Gaudette, Bit Andross, Lissa Boissonneault and Amy Venezia. Not one change had to be made in their various reports. They make an old mans job easy and a pleasure! Thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,  
William Pinney  
Volunteer Town Auditor

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The year 2006 saw the continuation of projects that the Trustees had approved. Trees work was performed by Totally Trees at both the Sunnyside and Streeter Pond Cemeteries. The tree cutting opened up and improved the visibility at the Streeter Pond Cemetery.

John Hanks of Littleton Monument continued the work of cleaning and repairing the older monuments in Sunnyside Cemetery. We will continue this project in 2007 until all of Sunnyside's older monuments are in good condition. We will then use our available funds for the Streeter Pond Cemetery.

We would like to once again thank Ellie and Lloyd Card for their outstanding maintenance of the grounds. Additional thanks to Doug Glover and his crew for the road maintenance and to Lorraine Hunt for remembering our Veterans with flags for Memorial Day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Perlo, Chairman  
Nancy Aldrich  
Holly Hayward  
Meri Hern  
Kathleen Jablonski  
Cemetery Trustees



## **TOWN OF SUGAR HILL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 11 a.m. for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers) Polls will close at 7:30 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 p.m.

**ARTICLE 1:** To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year
- One Trustee of the Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Board of Adjustment member to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

**ARTICLE 2:** (To Vote by Official Ballot) To see if the Town will vote to amend the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance by enacting the changes to the floodplain ordinance required by the National Flood Insurance Program. A copy of the complete text of the amendment is available for inspection at the Town Office. The following question will appear on the official ballot, and is not subject to further amendment:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Sugar Hill Planning Board as follows?  
The amendment makes technical changes in the floodplain ordinance in order for the Town to remain in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program.”

*(The Planning Board recommends the adoption of the amendment.)*

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purchase of land or other property interests therein, including related costs of acquisition, as the Selectmen deem appropriate for the permanent protection of the natural heritage and rural character in the best interest of the Town; and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of bonds, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended), and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any other action they deem appropriate to effectuate the sale and/or issuance of said bonds, subject, however, to the following limitations:

- 1) The acquisition of property interests shall be focused on lands related to:  
Sunset Hill  
Iris Farm and Route 117
- 2) Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the use of private grants or donations in addition to or in combination with bond funds.
- 3) The Selectmen SHALL NOT ISSUE SUCH BONDS until such time as they have presented to either an annual or special town meeting, a warrant article asking the meeting to ratify, by a simple majority vote, the particular parcel and the parcel ownership interest chosen by the Selectmen for purchase and said meeting has approved such warrant article.

The authority conferred by the passage of the Article is non-lapsing until its purpose is accomplished, in accordance with RSA 32:7, III. A two-thirds ballot vote is required for passage.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 4:** To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive .....	\$52,795.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics .....	17,035.00
Payroll Taxes .....	23,000.00
Financial Administration .....	35,580.00
Revaluation of Property .....	12,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	6,000.00
Planning Board .....	4,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	800.00
Insurance.....	114,000.00
General Government Buildings .....	71,219.00
Rent.....	35,000.00
Buildings & Grounds.....	35,390.00
Cemetery.....	7,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,550.00
North Country Council.....	1,050.00
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce.....	6,500.00
Police Department .....	170,156.00
Fire Department.....	62,425.00
Ambulance.....	3,690.00
Ross Ambulance .....	1,690.00
Life Squad.....	2,000.00
Emergency Management .....	500.00
Town Maintenance .....	124,749.00
General Highway Department Expense.....	127,744.00
Highway Block Grant .....	43,256.00
Street Lighting .....	7,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal.....	34,962.00
Health, Hospitals.....	4,091.00
North Country Home Health & Hospice.....	1,613.00
Grafton County Senior .....	550.00
American Red Cross .....	250.00

White Mountain Mental Health .....	678.00
Littleton Hospital .....	500.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health.....	500.00
Welfare .....	6,000.00
Tri-County Cap .....	775.00
Unemployment .....	100.00
Library .....	14,750.00
Parks and Recreation .....	15,689.00
North Country YMCA .....	150.00
Patriotic Purposes .....	750.00
Conservation Commission.....	2,300.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes .....	2,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$1,007,031.00

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.



**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be used to purchase a generator for the Carolina Crapo Building, and further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept any grant monies that may be available to reimburse the Town for this expenditure.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for needed repairs to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum as determined by the Museum’s Board of Directors. (This article by petition)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund as established in 1996 per RSA 35:3. Said account has a zero balance and therefore no monies will be transferred to the general fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Sugar Hill. (This article by petition)

**ARTICLE 17:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
John J. Strasser III  
Richard Bielefield  
Harry L. Reid

**RETURN OF POSTING**

We hereby attest that within the Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, no counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
John J. Strasser III  
Richard Bielefield  
Harry L. Reid

Given under our hands and seals the 26th day of February, Two Thousand and Seven.



**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL – REVENUE**  
**(Modified Accrual Basis)**

<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Estimated 2006</b>	<b>Actual 2006</b>	<b>Estimated 2007</b>
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,956.00	\$ 2,500.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	13,800.00	15,115.00	5,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	40,000.00	43,120.00	2,500.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	6,278.00	13,910.00	13,910.00
Highway Block Grant	44,959.00	44,959.00	43,256.00
Rooms & Meals	24,731.00	24,731.00	20,000.00
Other	1,397.00	1,397.00	0.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	125,000.00	137,482.00	125,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,300.00	1,974.00	2,000.00
Building Permits	1,100.00	1,645.00	750.00
Business Licenses & Permits	215.00	260.00	
From Federal Government:	41,000.00	46,000.00	25,690.00
Charges For Services:			
Income from Departments	5,000.00	8,030.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interest on Deposits	500.00	1,457.00	400.00
Sales of Municipal Property	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Refunds & Insurance:			
Reimbursements	7,500.00	8,034.00	9,500.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Withdrawals -Trust/Agency Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Balance (“Surplus”)	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$417,780.00</u>	<u>\$453,070.00</u>	<u>\$255,506.00</u>

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL EXPENDITURES

## (Modified Accrual Basis)

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation 2006	Actual 2006	Estimated 2007
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 34,242.00	\$ 52,795.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	17,220.00	14,696.00	17,035.00
Financial Administration	29,000.00	24,499.00	35,580.00
Revaluation of Property	12,000.00	10,961.00	12,000.00
Personnel Administration	20,000.00	19,925.00	23,000.00
Legal Expenses	6,000.00	5,253.00	6,000.00
General Government and Building and Grounds	103,764.00	99,705.00	106,609.00
Cemeteries	6,500.00	6,113.00	7,500.00
Planning & Zoning	3,800.00	3,549.00	4,800.00
Insurance	113,843.00	83,409.00	114,000.00
Advertising & Regional Association	7,548.00	7,548.00	7,550.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	134,600.00	132,802.00	170,156.00
Fire Department	75,800.00	100,965.00	62,425.00
Life Squad - Ross Ambulance	3,140.00	3,140.00	3,690.00
Emergency Management	100.00	0.00	500.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	118,868.00	114,163.00	124,749.00
General Highway	107,191.00	107,087.00	127,744.00
Highway Block Grant	44,959.00	44,959.00	43,256.00
Street Lighting	7,500.00	6,730.00	7,000.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	34,014.00	33,514.00	34,962.00
Health:			
Health and Hospitals	4,091.00	4,091.00	4,091.00
Welfare:			
Town Poor	5,725.00	1,039.00	6,000.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	14,200.00	13,754.00	14,750.00
Parks and Recreation and YMCA	16,144.00	13,140.00	15,689.00
Patriotic Purposes	750.00	606.00	750.00
Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	2,000.00	1,974.00	2,300.00

Debt Service:

Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>1,334.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$939,357.00</u>	<u>\$889,198.00</u>	<u>\$1,007,031.00</u>
Special Warrant Articles Recommended			187,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended			32,000.00
Total Appropriations Recommended			\$1,226,031.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits			<u>-255,506.00</u>
Amount Of Taxes To Be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			\$ 970,525.00

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF  
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES  
(Year Ending December 31, 2006)**

	Appropriation 2006	Actual 2006	Unexpended or Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 39,562.71	\$ 6,937.29
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	17,220.00	14,785.37	2,434.63
Financial Administration	29,000.00	19,800.09	9,199.91
Revaluation of Property	12,000.00	10,961.00	1,039.00
Payroll Taxes	20,000.00	19,924.56	75.44
Legal Expenses	6,000.00	5,253.00	747.00
Government Buildings	69,100.00	71,209.79	(2,109.79)
Buildings and Grounds	34,664.00	29,130.82	5,533.18
Cemeteries	6,500.00	6,113.06	386.94
Planning Board	3,000.00	3,075.35	(75.35)
Zoning Board	800.00	473.92	326.08
Insurance	113,843.00	83,408.87	30,434.13
Advertising and Regional Association	7,548.28	7,548.28	0.00
Police Department	134,600.00	133,742.34	857.66
Fire Department	60,800.00	59,301.18	1,498.82
Life Squad-Ambulance	3,140.00	3,140.00	0.00
Emergency Management	100.00	0.00	100.00
Town Maintenance	118,868.00	116,312.12	2,555.88
General Highway	107,191.00	107,086.84	104.16
Highway Block	44,959.00	44,959.00	0.00
Street Lighting	7,500.00	6,729.77	770.23
Solid Waste Disposal	34,013.76	33,514.00	499.76
Health and Hospitals & WA #12	4,091.00	4,091.00	0.00
Welfare	5,725.00	1,038.62	4,686.38
Unemployment	100.00	0.00	100.00
Library	14,200.00	13,754.18	445.82
Parks & Recreation	16,144.39	13,140.00	3,004.39
Patriotic Purposes	750.00	606.44	143.56
Conservation Commission	2,000.00	1,973.92	26.08
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.00	1,334.15	2,665.85
	<u>\$ 924,357.43</u>	<u>\$ 851,970.38</u>	<u>\$ 72,387.05</u>
Capital Reserve Funds	122,000.00	122,000.00	0.00
Article #5 Roadwork Non Lapsing	63,611.50	63,611.50	0.00
Article #11 Airpacks	15,000.00	41,664.07**	(26,664.07)
Grand Total	\$1,124,968.93	\$1,079,245.95	\$45,722.98

\*\*Grant Monies Received



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

2006 was routine and quiet until March when we received word that Police Chief Jose Pequeno had been severely injured in Iraq. As a result, citizens in Sugar Hill and much of the surrounding area came together in a way seldom seen to create the "Bring Jose Home" project. A new home, suitably equipped, was constructed. Dedicated during the fall, it awaits the Chief's return. The entire effort has been the envy of many throughout the state and makes one proud to be a resident of Sugar Hill!

The Crapo Building has been reroofed, and the parking areas paved. Finish pavement will be applied after the weather breaks. The lease between the town and the Sugar Hill Improvement Association has proved more elusive and we anticipate it will be accomplished this year.

Several severe storms knocked power out in areas of town making it obvious that we need to address providing emergency shelter. The solution will be to install a gas powered generator and gas stove in the Crapo Building. It is hoped that we will be able to fund this project with grant monies. While we hope we'll never need such shelter during severe weather, we all know what North Country weather can bring.

On the horizon will be the need to repair the Crane Hill Bridge over the Gale River as well as the Indian Brook Bridge on Streeter Pond Road. Meeting with State Highway engineers, we have learned that the Indian Brook Bridge could be closed at some future date unless it is repaired, though closing of the Crane Hill Bridge is less imminent. We have applied to have the work done by the State Bridge Crew. The town will be responsible for the total cost, estimated at \$100,000, but we anticipate reimbursement of up to 80% of that cost by having the state do the repairs.

Sugar Hill, Franconia, Easton, and Bethlehem have been meeting for several months on planning for the event of an avian flu pandemic. While still in the early stages, residents will be kept advised.

Sugar Hill is special. In many ways we are a family taking care of each other. Additionally, we have been extremely fortunate to have among that family all who work for the town or serve in various capacities. This report would be remiss if it did not recognize both groups and express for all our heartfelt thanks for everything they do both individually and collectively. We would be less but for each of them.

For the Selectmen  
Richard Bielefield  
Chairman

## **TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION**

2006 was yet another busy year at the transfer station. Garbage tonnage rose to 540 tons, 5 tons more than last year but still 12 tons less than 2004. Although the recycling tonnage that we marketed dropped, we actually processed 10 tons more than 2005, the difference being not quite enough for full loads before 2007. Even so our recycling rate was 40%.

We recycled:

- 191 tons of paper products
- 11 tons of plastic
- 3 tons of aluminum cans
- 40 tons of scrap metal
- 111 tons of glass

Last April we participated in the first “Color it Green” community clean up which, thanks to numerous volunteers, was an excellent start. We hope to continue and expand the clean up in 2007.

A special thanks to Margo Connors, Leigh Starer, Ben Woo and the students of Lafayette School for the gardening and artwork. We can’t wait to see the bulbs they planted in full bloom.

Once again Greg, Chris and I thank you, for your cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Marshall  
Transfer Station Manager

## **2006 PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District met seven (7) times during the 2006 calendar year. In 2006, District programs provided residents access for proper disposal of their household hazardous wastes (HHW), paint, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze and rechargeable batteries. The District also secured a disposal agreement which will provide District members with some of the best tipping fees in the State.

The District’s one-day HHW collection program was a tremendous success. The District held three (3) one-day collections. They were held in the towns of Littleton, Plymouth and Rumney. 386 participants (vehicles) took part serving an estimated 926 residents. This year’s participation numbers exceeded the annual totals for the years 2002-2005 and was nearly an 85% increase over the 2005 participation numbers. A number of communities brought waste that had been dropped off at their individual transfer stations, and because there is no effective means to record the number of residents doing this, it should be understood that the participation numbers reported are conservative. In actuality, the District’s program is serving a greater number of the District population. The total cost for disposal for the one-day collection program was \$30,980. The District received over \$11,400 in grant funds for the State of NH’s HHW grant program to help offset a portion of the program’s cost. The estimated 45,000 pounds of waste collected is the highest yearly total since 2002, when the District held

five (5) one-day collections. In 2007 the District plans to hold two (2) collections, one in Littleton in the spring and one in Plymouth in the fall.

Accompanying the one-day HHW collection program were the individual municipal transfer station collections for paint, fluorescent lights, and antifreeze. An estimated 2,000 gallons of paint, 27,000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs and 700 gallons of antifreeze were collected through these programs. These ongoing collections not only provide less expensive recycling options for wastes typically collected at HHW collections, but they also allow residents greater access to disposal opportunities, in turn minimizing the potential for improper disposal.

Lastly, the District finalized a seven-year agreement with North Country Environmental Services for the disposal of municipal solid waste (\$57 per ton) and construction and demolition debris (\$60 per ton). The agreement runs through April 30<sup>th</sup> 2013 and will couple affordable rates with long-term stability for District members. Many thanks go to the members who worked on this effort. Their time and efforts are very much appreciated.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Berti  
PBSWD Chairman

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

This has been a very eventful year for the Sugar Hill Police Department and subsequently for the community we serve. Therefore, I would like to begin by expressing some heartfelt words of appreciation to the Sugar Hill Community. Your support of the Police Department in general is very much appreciated and never taken for granted. However, over the last year you went above and beyond in your support of Chief Jose Pequeno.

### THANK YOU

There have been some new faces in Sugar Hill Police Department, beginning with Officer Michael Horton, who has departed for Michigan to continue his Law Enforcement career in an area where he can be closer to his family. Officer Horton is an excellent Police Officer and will be missed by the Department, and I'm sure by those of you who had the opportunity interact with him. He has asked me to express his thanks to the Sugar Hill community for making him feel welcome and making his tenure with the Sugar Hill Police Department one that he will never forget. Officer Brandon Walker is the newest full time member of the Sugar Hill Police Department. He completed the part-time Police Academy last year and is looking forward to completing the full-time Police Academy this year. Officer Walker has been a very productive member of the Police Department and has blended well with the community. We were pleased to welcome Officer Robert Garvin, who is a full-time Police Officer with the Town of Lisbon, as a part-time Police Officer for the Town of Sugar Hill. Officer Phillip Blanchard is the newest part-time member of the Sugar Hill Police Department and is looking forward to serving the Town of Sugar Hill.

<b>Police Department Activity</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Police Department Activity</b>	<b>2006</b>
Arrests	13	Motor Vehicle Complaint	10
911 Hang Up	17	Motor Vehicle Crash	15
Abandoned MV	4	Motor Vehicle Stop	426
Alarm, Burglar	56	Noise Complaint	5
All Spots Inquiries	22	Paperwork Service	16
Assault	0	Police Admin	238
Assist Citizen	42	Prisoner Transport	1
Assist Other Agency	13	Radar Detail	355
Building Check	21	Shots Fired	1
Burglary	8	Suspicious Person	0
Child Abuse	1	Suspicious Vehicle	3
Civil Stand-By	1	Telephone Harassment	0
Directions	2	Theft/Fraud	12
Disabled MV / Lock Out	33	Threats	0
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	1	Traffic Detail	5
Dog Complaint	42	Trespass	3
Domestic Disturbance	1	Unknown/Other	85
Follow Up Investigations	175	Vandalism	4
Intoxicated Person (Not DWI)	1	VIN Verification	10



Juvenile Offenses	1	Wanted Person	5
Lost/Found Property	4	Welfare Check	10
Medical Assist	40	<b>TOTAL POLICE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>1692</b>
Missing Person	3		

In closing, the Officers in the Sugar Hill Police Department would like to thank the Sugar Hill Fire Department for their invaluable assistance with motor vehicle accidents, as well as for providing the professional services they perform during the course of the year. We would also like to give the Sugar Hill Highway Department our most sincere thanks for their continued hard work and long hours dedicated to maintaining the roadways within the community.

Sgt. David D. Wentworth  
Executive Officer In Charge

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

During 2006 the Town continued to experience unusual severe weather which resulted in localized flooding, power lines down and extended power interruptions. These are the natural hazards that were identified in the Hazard Mitigation Plan as the most likely to occur in Sugar Hill. It has become apparent that the weather pattern is changing and torrential rains and very high winds are becoming the norm instead of the exception.

The Fire Station has been established as the emergency operations center with an emergency electrical generator and provisions to house emergency personnel for an extended period. We are currently working on a grant to purchase and install an emergency electrical generator for the Crapo Building so that can become an emergency shelter for residents and visitors to the Town during extended power outages. It is hoped that you will support the warrant article to accomplish this.

There continues to be much press and concern about the Avian Flu and a possible flu pandemic. The State Office of Emergency Management continues to develop a statewide and a regional plan should a pandemic or another health emergency occur. Sugar Hill will adopt that plan, or applicable portions, once it is complete. The likelihood that a pandemic flu will occur in Sugar Hill is remote, but it is important that we understand that it could occur and that we be properly prepared.

The most effective method of preventing the spread of flu influenza is to isolate yourself in your home. It is your personal responsibility to be prepared by having adequate food and supplies and obtaining a flu shot. Should there be widespread flu influenza there is a method to distribute food, supplies and medical attention to your home should it be needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan R. Clark  
Emergency Management Director

## **SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2006**

During 2006 your Fire Department was very active in training, emergency calls and the "Bring Jose Home" project. We have had the highest number of incidents in the history of the Department in 2006 and had numerous accomplishments for which all should be proud.

After numerous hours of work by the firefighters under the leadership of Gordie Johnk we completed the 911 identification sign program. All homes should now have 911 signage displayed, should you not have 911 identification call the station at 823-8415 and leave a message and we will install the sign. This project was completed by firefighters volunteering their time and using funds that they raised to purchase the signs and sign posts. There was no cost incurred by the Town for this project. We are now entering the second phase of that project by placing a smaller sign on the 911 identification sign post that will identify the distance from the road to the house on long driveways where the house cannot be seen from the road. This is vital information for the tactics used in fighting a fire.

The Department continued working with the Insurance Services Office to improve the fire rating for the community. This is an involved project that will take several years to complete, but it will result in a reduction in home and business fire insurance rates.

The Department is working to have water sources readily available for firefighting purposes throughout Town. The Department anticipates installing three dry hydrants during 2007 as follows: Fire Station, South Road at Main Street and on Pearl Lake Road. The new development on Ore Hill installed a pond and a dry hydrant as part of their development.

The Department continued a fire prevention program headed by our Fire Prevention Officer, Meghan Hamilton. All new oil burners require a permit and inspection from the Department, all new homes are inspected by the Department prior to the issuance of an occupancy certificate and all places of assembly require an annual permit. This is a time consuming process, but is a very important part of the service the Department provides.

The installation of a 190 foot cell tower in Town created a new hazard that we need to be prepared for. As part of the tower approval process the owner of the tower agreed to fund equipment for high angle rescues and the necessary training. The Department acquired the equipment and participated in the training that cost the Tower Company in excess of \$5,000. The equipment and training is applicable to mountain rescues, in addition to, tower rescues.

We were fortunate to obtain another major grant from FEMA in the amount of \$70,200 of which the town's share was \$3,510 which was 5%. This grant replaced our out of date air packs with state of the art NFPA compliant air packs and a compressor system so that we can fill our own cylinders. This year we will seek another grant for \$75,000 to replace our twenty year old personal protective equipment (bunker gear). This federal grant program is not expected to continue very much longer and our Federal taxes are not going to change, so we continue to try to bring some of those federal dollars back.

We continued our extensive training this year with training a minimum of two times per month. We continued to concentrate on the basics and the skill level of your firefighters is very high for a community our size. Regardless of the size of the community, when there is an incident then the Department must respond in a professional manner. Our Department continues to be recognized as one of the best equipped, trained and dedicated Fire Departments in the region.

The Fire Department responded to the following:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Brush/Grass Fires	0	0
Chimney Fires	1	2
Fire Alarm Activations	9	9
Hazardous Conditions	13	15
Motor Vehicle Accidents	7	8
Mutual Aid - Cover	7	3
Mutual Aid - Scene	14	11
Rescues	1	1
Service Calls	3	2
Smoke Investigations	2	0
Structure Fires	1	4
Vehicle Fire	0	1
TOTAL	58	56

During 2006, Mark Tardiff resigned due to work commitments. As of December 31, 2006 the Fire Department active roster consisted of seventeen of your neighbors who are as follows:

Chief Allan R. Clark		
Asst. Chief Doug Glover	Asst. Chief Doug Amsbary	Captain Gordie Johnk
Engineer Jim Cyrs, II	Engineer Harold Aldrich	Engineer Barry Bernstein
Engineer Peter Szawlowski	Cliff Aldrich	Eric Chase
Russell Gaitskill	Jason Kern	Luther Kinney
Meghan Hamilton	Mark Simpson	James Snyder
Karl Wockenfuss		

I continue to enjoy serving as your Fire Chief, but nothing compares to the privilege of being able to serve as chair of the “Bring Jose Home” project. The overwhelming support demonstrated by so many in support of our Police Chief, and his family was a life altering event. I would like to thank the firefighters for providing hope to Kelley and the children and allowing me to fulfill a commitment. Thank you for your support and thank you to the firefighters for their support and dedication and to their families for allowing them to serve their community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan R. Clark, Fire Chief



## **BRING JOSE HOME PROJECT**

On March 1<sup>st</sup> Police Chief Jose Pequeno was severely wounded in Iraq while serving as a member of the NH Army National Guard. At the time of Chief Pequeno's deployment the Sugar Hill Fire Department gave Jose and his wife a certificate that simply stated, the Fire Department was committed to help Jose's family in any way during his deployment.

On April 8, a Spaghetti Dinner was sponsored by Jose's co-workers in the town office, highway, police, and fire departments to assist the family. During dinner it was announced that Chief Pequeno's wife Kelley, had contacted Chief Clark and asked if the certificate from the Fire Department was still valid. Chief Clark advised it was and she then stated that she and her three young children were distraught as it would not be possible to bring Jose home as he would likely be in a wheelchair and their home could not accommodate a wheelchair.

Kelley's request was modest, please look at our house and adapt it to be wheelchair accessible. The house which has less than 600 square feet on the first floor could not easily be adapted. It was determined that the 15 acres that the Pequeno's owned could be subdivided and the existing home renovations be completed and the home sold with the proceeds paying off the mortgage. A new home could be built on the balance of the land to accommodate the expected needs of Jose. It was hoped that enough people would donate either money or services so that the house could be built without a mortgage. Those in attendance were asked if they were willing to support the project, the response was a resounding yes and the Spaghetti Dinner raised \$30,000. With blind faith that the community would support the continuing effort, the "Bring Jose Home Project" commenced.

A committee was formed to accomplish the project and a Foundation was formed to provide oversight and a legal not-for profit entity that would outlive the project. The Foundation will provide support to other police officers and firefighter families well into the future.

A series of fund raising events were held to raise the funds needed for the project including a children's bake sale in Lisbon, a Police Ball in Lincoln, a dance with the Wicked Smart Horn Band at Cannon, the Bring Jose Home Day at the White Mountain Attractions and the auction held in Franconia. All of these events produced greater income than budgeted.

The story of what a small community was doing became national news and it was carried by National Public Radio, the Washington Post and the AP. It touched people because it reminded those of how things were and should be. Sugar Hill is a place where people take care of each other and do not expect the government to solve their problems.

As people from all over the nation learned what our small rural community was doing for its Police Chief, hundreds of donations were received and other groups held their own fundraising efforts. Nearly \$140,000 was raised which does not include a pending Federal grant.



In August, construction commenced on an 1800 square foot ranch with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and the features necessary to make it fully wheelchair accessible. It included a 12 x 20 three season room so that Jose could watch his children at play outside and an oversized garage capable of accommodating a handicapped van. The existing home was renovated, sold and the proceeds paid off the mortgage in full.

The project was accomplished by the hard work of many and generous donations of services and materials from local contractors and businesses too numerous to mention. The appreciation of those that worked on this project cannot be adequately expressed. Not only did they donate their services, but they did it when they were asked or probably more like told. Over 250 people physically worked on the project many given numerous hours of their time with firefighters often leading the way.

One of the benefits from this project was not only the fulfillment of a commitment to help one of our own, but the opportunity for many people from different backgrounds to all work together toward a common goal. We had numerous Chiefs, business owners, several high ranking guardsmen and other headstrong personalities working. Rank and title was left behind and all worked together.

The project was accomplished through the efforts of so many. I am privileged to have had the opportunity to be the chair and spokesperson for this group and the community. My job was easy having so many talented people committed to accomplish the goal especially Jennifer Gaudette, Elizabeth Andross, Russ Gaitskill, Chief Roger Odell, Chief Jack Anderson, Chief Joe Mercieri, Rick Gaudette, Stanley Sherburn, and my wife Gail Clark who all had key roles in this project.

Although it was called the “Bring Jose Home Project” it was more than providing a house that could accommodate Jose. It was really about providing hope to a young family that faces a life that will never be as it was before Jose was wounded. Together we accomplished that goal. Thank you to all who participated in this heart warming project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan R. Clark, Chairman  
Bring Jose Home Project

# FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local Fire Department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2006 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in many sections of the state. The largest forest fire during this period occurred in late April and burned 98 acres. The extremely dry conditions in spring resulted in over twice the amount of acreage burned than in all of 2005. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 6 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local Fire Department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

## 2006 FIRE STATISTICS (All Fires Reported thru November 8, 2006) (Figures do not include fires in the White Mountain National Forest)

### County Statistics

County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	39	76
Carroll	27	44
Cheshire	42	38
Coos	104	30
Grafton	53	24
Hillsborough	75	114
Merrimack	40	91
Rockingham	74	49
Strafford	10	26
Sullivan	8	8

### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>				Total Fires	Total Acres	
Arson	15	Debris	284	2006	500	472
Campfire	24	Railroad	3	2005	546	174
Children	13	Equipment	4	2004	482	147
Smoking	50	Lightning	1	2003	374	100
Miscellaneous*	106	(*Miscellaneous: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc)				

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

## FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

2006 was our first full year as a transporting ambulance and the transition from a non-transporting first response unit to a full transporting ambulance service has been smooth. The Life Squad has received praise for its member's professionalism and high level of skills from the Littleton Regional Hospital and from patients.

Members are from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton and are dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency medical service to the communities it serves. Our members are all Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians and are constantly training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take a refresher course and an extensive practical exam. Our members are very well trained with most members far exceeding the required minimum training.

Currently, four of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support and two members are in the process of being certified at the advanced life support level. These members can administer certain medications and start intravenous lines. Many of our members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of the members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care.

Chris Fowler retired from the Franconia Life Squad after many years in order to spend more time with the Franconia Police Department. The Franconia Life Squad works closely with the area Police and Fire Departments as a seamless team which allows for a quick and professional mitigation of an emergency situation. The Franconia Life Squad currently has 17 active members which is more than it has ever had in its 34 year history. Current active members of the Franconia Life Squad include:

	Chief Dean Wright	
Asst. Chief Bill Mead		Captain Robert Anthony
Bill Blackwell	Tim Bray	Lani Brown
Brian Canelas	Allan Clark	Amy Cyrs
Evelyn Eastonn	Jeff Gould	John Ireland
Linda Mordhorst	Flo Place	Gareth Slattery
Mark Taylor	Dan Walker	

During 2006 the Franconia Life Squad was involved in the following incidents:

	<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>	
	CALLS	TRANSPORTS	CALLS	TRANSPORTS
Franconia	105	65	113	39
Sugar Hill	40	1	27	1
Easton	9	3	10	10
Mutual Aid	1	1	6	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>56</b>

**Note: FLS did not start transporting until 4/1/05**

The Franconia Life Squad is well prepared to assist the citizens and visitors to the area twenty-four hours a day seven days a week by providing quality emergency medical care.

In 2006 the operating expenses were \$45,572 and income obtained from patient billing and Sugar Hill and Easton subsidies totaled \$36,777 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Life Squad to the Town of Franconia being \$8,795 or roughly half the 2004 cost which was prior to transporting when the Ross Ambulance subsidy is included.

I sincerely thank the townspeople for their continued support. I especially thank the members of the Life Squad for their countless hours dedicated to serving others in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean Wright, Chief  
Franconia Life Squad



## RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Thank you to our patrons for continued support of the library and donations throughout the past year. We appreciate your patronage and encouragement to provide a welcoming library for the people of Sugar Hill.

The library has the latest bestsellers – both fiction and nonfiction – from which you can choose. Our nonfiction section has continued to grow with many new titles on various subjects. We have quite a large selection of audios and CDs on the shelves, many donated from our patrons.

If we do not have the book or audio you want, we can interlibrary loan it for you. In 2006, our patrons borrowed 275 books from other NH libraries, while we loaned 247 books to libraries in the state.

New shelving has been added to the library in order to expand our collection. Audios are located in one of the new shelving areas.

Presently, we have several remarkable scrapbooks for perusal by our patrons. The “Sugar Hill School History”, “Historical Documents and Letters in the Founding of Sugar Hill”, and “History of the Community Church” are available to view. The scrapbooks return to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum for the summer.

Our annual book sale was held in June on a very rainy and windy Saturday, which brought many people inside to take a peek. Many hardbacks, paperbacks, audios and videos were sold, making our sale a wonderful success.

This year’s NH Summer Reading Program, entitled “Treasure Reading” (Pirates!!!) was a huge success! Both children and adults joined in the program, reading as many books as they could to vie for prizes from local businesses and attractions. Participating in the program were 57 children and adults, with the number of books read totaling 671!

Storytime is a fun time for our youngest patrons! Once a month, children come to listen to stories read to them, and to make an accompanying craft. All the children seem to have an enjoyable time at the library!

Please support your local library – come in, visit, check out the library, check out a book!

	2005	2006
Patron Visits	1945	2255
Adult Books	2016	2111
Children’s Books	1158	1847
Audios/CDs	189	245

### Library Trustees:

Irene Amsbary  
Elaine Burpee  
Rosemary Ellms

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharyn McGuigan, Librarian

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

In the State of New Hampshire a conservation commission is established for the proper utilization and protection of natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources in a municipality or town. A conservation commission provides a focal point within municipal government for environmental concerns.

**Bond Proposal:** Town residents have consistently identified several natural resources as worthy of preservation, if necessary, with Town funds.

In August, 2002, the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission sent a survey to residents and property owners in the town. The purpose of the survey was to determine how people felt about conserving the town's rural character and natural resources. 798 people received surveys; 224 (28%) were returned. The vast majority of respondents (90%) named Sugar Hill's rural character as very important to them. The survey asked people to name places and views in town they found particularly important. About thirty percent (30%) named Sunset Hill Road, including the lupine fields, the view towards Lafayette and the golf course area. Twelve percent (12%) named Route 117 between Iris Farm and Sunset Hill Road and the same number named Iris Farm itself.

In 1988, the Conservation Commission undertook a survey to identify certain areas in town that should be preserved. Out of 78 respondents, 69 identified the Sunset Hill view as very important. Iris Farm and the surrounding fields were also deemed important to preserve. "71 people were willing to have the town consider raising money to acquire a special area."

In 1982, 150 people responded to a Sugar Hill Planning Board Community Attitude Survey. Most people (95%) felt that Sugar Hill should protect its scenic resources. The predominant view point identified was the Sunset Hill Road and Route 117 as well as specific points along route 117. Hildex and Iris Farms were mentioned often as view points.

The current Sugar Hill Conservation Commission feels that the time is right to ask residents to pass a bond to enable the Town to raise funds, if necessary, to preserve our most significant views and natural resources.

**Wetlands Protection:** Local conservation commissions are the first government entity to review wetlands applications and their comments have enhanced stature in the Department of Environmental Services (DES) permit review process. DES retains the authority to approve applications that will impact wetlands, but a conservation commission may intervene in a DES decision. The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission has spent time over the past year reviewing its roles and responsibilities in the area of wetlands protection. We are available to go onsite to inspect proposed wetlands applications.

**Sugar Hill/Franconia Trail:** Throughout the past year, we have been building a recreational trail along the Gale River that will connect to existing trails in Franconia. The "Sugar Hill/ Franconia Trail" should be completed by August, 2007. We would like to thank Jim and Corey Snyder and Patch Galligan for their assistance. If anyone would like to help with this project, please contact Luther Kinney.

**Conservation Fund:** This fund was created in 2000 to assist Sugar Hill residents to implement land and/or water conservation projects. Requirements and a checklist for

conservation grants were developed in April, 2005 (copies are available at the town office). Projects must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ The property is located in the town of Sugar Hill. If the property is located partially in another town, the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission will consider a donation proportionate to the amount of land in Sugar Hill.
- ❖ The property meets at least one of the following purposes:
  - Protects the town's rural character and natural resources
  - Provides outdoor recreation
  - Permanent protection for the parcel is assured
- ❖ The property meets one or more goals identified in the Sugar Hill Master Plan and encourages careful stewardship of land and water resources.
- ❖ The owner of the property is willing to participate in the transaction.

There is a little over \$25,000 available for conservation projects in this Fund. Residents may request a grant from the fund by contacting the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission, with a written proposal.

We would like to thank **Bob Benson** for his years on the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission. Bob was an enthusiastic member, willing to jump in and work hard on a project. We miss his expertise in the woods and his knowledge of local wildlife.

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Carolina Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margo Connors, Chairperson

## PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board would like to reflect on the growth and desires of the Townspeople. We are always open to constructive ways to improve and keep abreast of current changes. The Planning Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM at the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building.

The Planning Board saw the following activity in 2006:

Major Subdivision:	4	Minor Subdivision:	3
Lot Line Adjustment:	1	Voluntary Merger:	2

The Planning Board members have been working hard to get the Land Subdivision Regulations revised. This became a much bigger project than originally anticipated as the Planning Board is attempting to make this a user friendly document. The Planning Board will be finalizing the changes this winter and are hoping to have a final revision ready for a public hearing by the spring.

Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should write the Selectmen a letter expressing their interest for an appointment to the Board as an alternate or regular member. Appreciation is due to all the members who generously volunteer their time and work to maintain the quality and beauty of our Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Venezia, Secretary

## THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

The Willing Worker's Society is a non-sectarian, non-profit, charitable organization whose purpose is to serve the community.

We had our usual July summer and November Christmas Sales. A doll raffle, donated by Jean Ring was included. These sales would not be a success without the help of our workers, and town people for their donations of food and items. Thank you to all.

We appreciate Kitty Bigelow and Polly Cole for hosting three of our monthly luncheons in their homes.

Refreshments were served after the memorial services for Sybil Norton and Loretta Brown.

Sixty-six Christmas gifts were bought and wrapped for the children and babies up through sixth grade. Plants were given to shut-ins.

The scholarship was awarded to Kara Mia Foley.

A donation was given in memory of my father Arthur H. Green. Donations were also given to North Country Home Health, Littleton Senior Center, Bancroft House, David's House Franconia Life Squad and The Bring Jose Home Project.

We are thankful for the donations given to us. If you wish to help in any way or would like to join us, please call one of our officers.

### 2007 Officers

President: Sylvia Hutchinson

Vice President: Elaine Burpee

Treasurer: Edith Aldrich

Secretary: Polly Cole

Hospitality: Carol Young

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Hutchinson  
President



## SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

We celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> year of operation, preserving and presenting the history of Sugar Hill and its people through exhibits and school programs.

Springtime is clean up time and several hardy trustees were busy scraping and painting the front of the main building. Don Boissonneault finished painting the peak and repainted the lettering.

Over 1,200 visitors this season enjoyed "The Toy Box" exhibit. Thanks to the many residents who shared their doll and toy collections.

Nancy Aldrich, Elaine Burpee and Maxine Aldrich collected historical material from the Sugar Hill Community Church archives and Nancy organized photos and documents into a scrapbook. The scrapbook was featured in the Thoma Gallery for the summer and can be viewed at the Richardson Library this winter.

We regret the passing of sugar maker, collector, historian and long time contributor to museum exhibits, Charlie Stewart. We all enjoyed his sugaring exhibits and stories. He interviewed many Sugar Hill residents, recording their oral history on video and also captured many years of museum exhibits on video.

The Sugar Hill Artisan's Guild offered classes in wool spinning, quilting, basket weaving, quilling and painted floor cloths over the winter months.

Guild members meet monthly to work on their projects. We are grateful for the class instructors who volunteer their time and talents.

Our Spring school program is a traveling show to five out-of-town schools, with Education Director Sharyn McGuigan and Winnie Harwood packing up "one room schoolhouse" items and a slide presentation for students. Rodney Russell presented Abenaki Indian culture to Franconia and Bethlehem students for the Fall program at the Museum.

The summer lecture series July program featured N. H. Humanities Council speaker Edie Clark - "New England - Myth or Reality" and local historian Floyd Ramsey presented "Shrouded Memories" in August.

We celebrated our anniversary with an old fashioned ice cream social and live music with Joseph Hansalik at the keyboard. The season finale was a successful bake sale.

The staff continues to work on archival projects throughout the winter months.

Trustee Board members are a very proactive team, overseeing the finances of this non-profit and care of the buildings and property. Our major repair project for 2007 will be the replacement of the roofing on the main building.

Officers: 2006 - 2008

Chairman: Maxine Aldrich Vice Chairman: Richard Bielefield Clerk: Ann Hartmann, Treasurer: Brenda Aldrich. Trustees: Maxine Aldrich, Dudley Bailey, Dorothy Bailey, Richard Bielefield, John Bigelow, Kitty Bigelow, Lissa Boissonneault, Elaine Burpee, Eleonore Card, Ann Hartmann, Sylvia Hutchinson, Jane McIlwaine, Amy Mitz, Kathleen Nelson, William White. With regrets we announce that newly elected Trustee Don Kreider passed away suddenly in December.

Respectfully submitted,  
Winnie Harwood, Executive Director/Curator

## SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

*The Sugar Hill Improvement Association continues its mission, set over a century ago, to initiate and support projects and improvements benefiting this village and its people.*

Last fall the Association undertook a beatification project. The land connecting the tennis court area and Crapo building is being reclaimed. A portion of this land was a fire pond in the 1950's which was eventually drained, but the banks never removed. Unused and untended it grew up into tall trees and underbrush.

We have allocated \$5000 to reclaim this area. Trees and brush have been cleared. Presby Construction has been engaged to clean up the area and grade the land so it will be smooth and gradually rise to the level of the ball field and playground. When complete, the entire area encompassing the Museum, Crapo Building, Playground, Ball field and Tennis Court will be landscaped and mowed. It will become a park which we have named "**The Village Green**". Children will now be able to use the playground and walk directly to the Tennis Courts if their parents are using that facility...without going into the street. It will greatly enhance the center of our village.

We paid over \$3000, augmenting private donations, to refurbish the tennis court, which was much in need of repairs. When a Town is lucky enough to have such an asset it is important to maintain it. The above Village Green project also cleared trees encroaching near the court.

The Historical Museum came to us with a plea to assist them with a much needed new roof. We voted to donate \$5000 to the Museum to help in this endeavor.

We are presently working with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, Charitable Trusts Department, which has approved, and will guide us through the necessary steps, to deed the 2 acres where the Museum buildings stand to the Museum. This has been a long and complicated arrangement commencing with the land which was a gift from Richard Meyer, the first building which belonged to the Town of Sugar Hill, and other buildings built through the efforts of the Museum.

An Educational Enrichment Committee has been formed. Hopefully, through this committee the Carolina Crapo Trust will make its first educational award in 2007.

At the suggestion of the Attorney General's Office we are having the entire Sugar Hill Improvement Association's land surveyed.

The Association is pleased with the Trustee's report of the growth of Carolina Crapo Memorial Trust now valued at \$587,260.

We continue our dialogue with the Selectmen regarding future leasing arrangement of the Crapo Memorial Building to the Town.

Our next open meeting will be posted at Harman's Store and the Post Office. Come join us and be part of this organization. It is making a wonderful difference in Sugar Hill!

Respectively submitted,  
Barbara Serafini  
President

## **FRANCONIA – SUGAR HILL – EASTON RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The Tri Town Recreation program has had another incredibly busy year! A huge thank you goes out to all of our volunteer coaches, officials, parent helpers and youth players for making our recreation program such a success for everyone in Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill.

Our 2005 - 2006 basketball season went extremely well, the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys team and the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys team dominated area basketball teams. Later in the season both teams combined with Bethlehem to create an “Wildcats” powerhouse team in each age grouping that went on to several tournaments. Third grade girls under the leadership of Tricia Coyle played several area teams and many girls ended the season with a new appreciation of basketball. Fifth and sixth grade girls team combined with Bethlehem from the beginning and enjoyed getting to know other girls they would see soon at Profile. Many thanks to coaches Scott Johnson, Mike Kelley, Eric Meth, Tricia Coyle, Orlo Coots and our Bethlehem coaches!

Our youth baseball/softball teams were successful for another season. Our t-ball team, farm league team, a minor league baseball, a major league baseball and a major league softball completed our roster. Many of the players had the opportunity to continue to play this summer as part of our All Star teams. Tremendous thanks to our volunteer coaches Scott Johnson, Mike Kelley, Tom Eyman, Joe Peterson, Scott Knowlton, Jim Cyrs, Cindy Berlack, John Opalinski, Jim Alden and all our T-ball dads! Also to our dedicated umpires who made this a successful season for everyone involved.

Summer Recreation went for a full eight delightfully sunny weeks this summer at the Lafayette Regional School with many returning staff and even more returning campers. Summer Rec. involved lots of biking and traveling throughout Franconia and even out to Sugar Hill and Easton for swimming under the watchful eyes of recreation lifeguards/counselors Anne Cowles and Jenna Serino. Field trips to Santa’s Village, Storyland, Whale’s Tale, local state parks to swim and Canobie Lake Park made for some exciting Friday field trips. The introduction of the completed kindergarten program began this summer for three days a week with great success. A larger than usual Adventure Group created some exciting field trips with teenagers who have completed 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Day trips to the beach, mountain biking, rock climbing, minor league baseball games and an overnight trip to Six Flags New England all under the experienced leadership of Chris Colongeli. Swim lessons continued under the capable direction of Jean Serino at the Gale River Motel for the summer recreation campers and our younger swimmers enjoyed the warmer waters of the Sunset Hill House for their swim lessons. Many thanks to both establishments and to Stonybrook Motel for use of their pools this summer.

Soccer season brought almost the whole school population out to the fields for practices and games. The younger teams were able to use smaller fields and goals at the school and in addition to the newest field at the Dow. The older teams were out on the Dow Field almost daily. A big thank you to our referees and volunteer coaches Mark Simpson, Derek Anneser, Linda Johnson, Kevin Senft, Phil Branch, Brian Canelas, Scott



Knowlton, Jeff Malcolm, Shane Carberry and Pam Anneser who made sure everyone had a good time this fall.

With any luck and some colder weather this winter we will have all the lights back on at the ice rink and hope to see you out there with your skates on! We are looking to bring back “Family Night” at the ice rink in hopes of getting more families out on the ice together. We hope you’ll join us for music, hot chocolate, hot dogs, skating and lots of fun!

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm. We welcome the public to attend and look forward to another exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Germain, Recreation Director and the Tri-Town Recreation Committee

**Easton:** Brian Canelas & Mike Kenney

**Franconia:** Kim Cowles, Jeff Malcolm & Tracy Chardon

**Sugar Hill:** Gordie Johnk & Jean Serino



## FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce wishes to say a heartfelt, “Thank you” to all three Towns of Franconia, Easton, and Sugar Hill, for your very important combined support. Without this support, we can not grow and provide new and inventive Business support to the many folks who work, reside, and visit our beautiful area of New Hampshire.

This last year was a year of change in our Chamber. First, the sad and unexpected passing of Mrs. Priscilla Hunt who served our Chamber for over twenty years. Priscilla will be greatly missed and our Chamber will remember her for her dedication and love for our Communities. The Chamber has donated \$750.00 to the Lafayette Lions Scholarship fund in Mrs. Hunt’s memory and the Chamber is also currently working on a nice plaque to be placed on the Chamber building in Mrs. Hunt’s memory.

This year we are growing our Chamber membership and expanding our commitment to our Communities and hope to bring back such events as the Hayseed Festival, Frostbite Follies, and other great Community events to enhance the presence and works of our Chamber. With your continued support, we will also be able to further enhance the Franconia Notch Brochure which made it all the way down to the BIG “E” this year! Distribution throughout our great State is at an all time high. With our website [www.franconianotch.org](http://www.franconianotch.org) having an events calendar and being up to date, folks who use to request paper information are now viewing and making their reservations and travel plans on the web. Our online presence and the number of monthly hits is impressive and as more folks make travel plans and make their vacation plans via the web, our website will continue to transform itself to meet the demands of the future.

Again this year, we ran and maintained two Information Booths – one in Franconia on Main Street and the other at the Cannon Mountain Tram Base Station. Your continued support helps provide folks who are visiting with the latest information for Businesses as well as directions to area Attractions and Retail Businesses, and new for this year...a FREE wireless WiFi Hotspot. The wireless hotspot is something that I personally put together as a way for folks who may be traveling to park in the lot at the Info Booth or sit under the tree’s by Library and access their web mail and browse the web for a great Inn, B&B, Motel, Restaurant, or whatever other area attraction or service they may need. Many poets and visitors to the Robert Frost Museum used this great resource this past August. This WiFi is particularly useful during times when the info booth is closed for the Season or after hours. Many folks get off exit 38 and are looking for somewhere to get information and the information era is here. This WiFi is accessible within a 300 foot radius around the Information Booth on Main Street in Franconia.

We are looking forward to discussing new and inventive ways to bring folks back to our area to experience the beauty and majestic inspiration that our area of the White Mountains provides. With a recommitment and focus on service both in the private and corporate sector, folks will return and cherish their experiences in our area of New Hampshire. With events such as the Lupine Festival, The Antique Show, Rugby Weekend, and bringing back some old events that have been abandoned such as Frostbite

Follies and the Hayseed Festival, our area can put a greater polish on the diamond that it is.

Your support is greatly appreciated by every Member of the Chamber of Commerce, every resident and every visitor who cherishes Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill, and beyond. Together we are making a difference and together we'll grow with the needs of our time to better serve the greater needs of our Communities.

Sincerely,  
Frank Grima, President

# FRANCONIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Calendar Year End 2006

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2006) **\$19,436.92**

## INCOME

Membership Dues		17496.75
Brochure Mailings		20.00
Town Funds		
	Franconia	\$10,000.00
	Sugar Hill	6,500.00
	Easton	<u>65.00</u>
		16,865.00
Interest Earned		53.52
Fundraisers:		
	Antique Show	1,826.90
	Others	87.90
	Lupine Festival	<u>7,072.00</u>
		8,986.80
Miscellaneous		<u>339.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$43,761.07</b>

## EXPENSES

Booth Expenses:		
Payroll		\$9,684.13
Telephone		1,882.58
Electricity		198.10
Office, Booth Repairs, Misc.		3,246.08
Postage		126.29
Advertising		13,043.50
IRS (Payroll Taxes)		1,079.03
Bank Fees		.15
Insurance		1,373.00
Internet		3,828.35
Non-Booth Expenses:		
Salary		n/a
Administrative & Office		34.94
Dues & Subscriptions		n/a
Lupine Festival		5,488.72
Misc.		139.20
Donations		1,250.00
Services		<u>195.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$41,569.07</b>
Ending Balance (December 31, 2006)		<b>\$21,628.92</b>

**NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL  
REGIONAL COMMISSION & ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
Bethlehem, NH**

This has been another busy year at the Council. As we began our 34<sup>th</sup> year as a Planning Commission, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

We have instituted a number of new initiatives over the past year that we will continue to work on in the coming year. The Northern Forest Sustainable Initiative is a major undertaking which we are working on with our partner, the Northern Forest Center. We continue to develop our Community Planning Outreach program and participation by the communities continues to increase. Transportation Planning continues to be a priority and in the coming year we will be submitting input to the Ten-Year Transportation Plan as directed by all of our member communities. We are increasing our activity in Environmental Planning and will be introducing a number of programs under this umbrella. All of our programs and services can be found on our new website at [www.nccouncil.org](http://www.nccouncil.org). Please visit us there and give us some input as to how we can better help the region and our communities. We welcome all of your input and will continue to be of service to your community.

Thank you for all of your support of the Council. I hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted;  
Michael King  
Executive Director



## 2006 REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE

By Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor

It is an honor to report to the people of this large Northern District in my capacity as Executive Councilor, one of several elected public servants. The five member Council was founded in the NH Constitution and much of NH law provides an additional avenue at the top of your Executive Branch of State Government.

2007 will be year when members of the Council are charged with conducting public hearings on the State of New Hampshire 10-year transportation plan. With inflation affecting basic transportation costs, and presently no plan for an increase in the State gasoline tax, I don't look for any new projects becoming a reality. We'll be lucky to complete what is currently in the plan.

I continue to seek volunteers to serve on the 300 or so Boards and Commissions as prescribed by New Hampshire law. There are some great opportunities to serve your state government! Send your letter of interest and resume to my office, or to Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments/Liaison to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. Tel. (603) 271-2121. To find out what openings are available and to see a list of boards, visit the NH Secretary of State website at: [www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm](http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm).

The NH website is very valuable for citizens. If internet is not available to you, use your local public or school library to go to [www.nh.gov](http://www.nh.gov) and find all state agencies, general court (representative) and senate members, mailing addresses, and where legislative bills and proposals are. I send my weekly schedule to some 500 e-mail addresses that include town offices, county officials, district media, NH House and Senate members, and others. If you would like to be on that e-mail list please send your e-mail address to [rburton@nh.gov](mailto:rburton@nh.gov). I often include other public notices and information.

It is an honor to continue to serve you now in my 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> years as a public servant. Contact my office anytime about your ideas, concerns and problems with state government. I respond to all inquiries and challenges.

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# **NORTHERN HUMAN SERVICES/WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH and COMMON GROUND 2006 Director's Report**

This year White Mountain Mental Health has provided 52.25 hours of outpatient mental health services to 9 Sugar Hill residents who were either uninsured or underinsured. In addition Common Ground has spent 20,598 hours supporting citizens of Sugar Hill with a developmental disability to live full lives.

The number of people accessing all of our services has increased. This year we have particularly noted a rise in calls to our 24-hour emergency service. At least one clinician is occupied full-time every day handling unscheduled emergency situations, and both a clinician and a psychiatrist are on-call nights and weekends to support local residents and local emergency rooms. The increase in night and weekend contacts has been particularly notable; a 21% increase over 2005.

As citizens of a town from whom we request financial support, you may wonder who uses our services and how your money is spent. Here are some examples:

- ❖ A 42 year old woman referred to us by emergency room physician when no physical cause was found to explain her intense headaches. She has no health insurance.
- ❖ A 7-year old child who constantly disrupts the class with his outbursts. His parents are in the process of divorcing.
- ❖ A young woman whose husband was wounded in Iraq.
- ❖ A 16-year old boy brought to the hospital after attempting suicide when his girlfriend broke up with him.
- ❖ A 21-year old college student, who suddenly began hearing voices, became very paranoid and was unable to finish the semester.
- ❖ A family with a severely developmentally disabled child for whom we provide funds for periodic respite.

None of these people would have received services if we did not exist. None were able to pay for private care.

Perhaps you or your family have benefited from our services. We are the “safety net” for North Country residents who are uninsured or underinsured. The good news is that our towns support us to allows their residents to access services that are provided by highly competent mental health professionals at a fraction of the full cost. Additionally, our developmental services program, Common Ground, provides homes, jobs and support to more than 100 persons with a developmental disability.

As always, we thank you for continuing to help us make these services available.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane C. MacKay, LICSW  
Area Director

**NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AND  
HOSPICE AGENCY, INC.  
2006**

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency has been meeting the home health and hospice needs of the North Country since 1971.

Our Home Care Program provides skilled and supportive care services such as nurses, therapists, social workers, home health aides, and homemakers and makes it possible for hundreds of people a year to continue to remain in their homes. In 2006 we traveled 249,408 miles to provide 25,754 visits to the residents in our 21-Town services area.

Our Hospice Program provides skilled and supportive services as well as, paying for medication for symptom relief, medical supplies, and equipment. We also pay for short term hospitalization and in-patient respite care, counseling and pastoral support. Our Compassionate Care Program provides limited amounts of free skilled care to those living with a life-limiting illness who do not have insurance or are under-insured. Volunteer services have previously been contracted through the Hospice of the Littleton Area. The two Agencies are in the process of merging due to the belief that by doing so, we will be able to create an even stronger program of hospice and palliative care for our communities.

North Country Home Health and Hospice relies on Town support and individual donations to help underwrite the cost of providing home and hospice care to people with limited or no health insurance. We have been grateful for your support of our work in this community and look forward to working with you to meet the home care and hospice needs of the residents of Sugar Hill.

<u>Type of Care</u>	<u># of Visits</u>
Nursing	127
Physical/Occupational /Speech Therapy	33
Medical Social Service	17
Home Health Aide/Homemaker	<u>467</u>
Total	644
Volunteer Support	1 Hour

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail Jurasek Tomlinson  
Executive Director

## **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2006**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and North Woodstock, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2006, 21 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 59 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- They received 708 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Sugar Hill residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 19 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 48 visits by a trained social worker or contacts with ServiceLink.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 97.5 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2006 was \$5,989.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Sugar Hill's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director



**BIRTHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006**

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Name of Father &amp; Name of Mother</b>
March 25, 2006	Tucker Read Thayer	Christopher Thayer Wendy Thayer
June 4, 2006	Morgan Rae Presby	Trevor Presby Samantha Presby
July 28, 2006	Cabot Campbell McLaren	Bruce McLaren Cynthia McLaren

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006**

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Name and Surname Of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage</b>
June 10, 2006	Henry A. Marquis Tammy M. Lyons	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
June 17, 2006	Jared M. Alden Elizabeth E. Hultgren	Bryn Athyn, PA Sugar Hill, NH
August 19, 2006	Timothy Boudreau Judy Miranda	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
September 9, 2006	Nathan B. Hamilton Meghan E. McGovern	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
October 7, 2006	Bodan C. Peters Isis Eustace	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
October 7, 2006	David E. Chamberlin Jeanie E. Munro	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
November 25, 2006	Christopher A. Frilette Dani A. McIntyre	Campton, NH Sugar Hill, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED  
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006**

<b>Date Of Death</b>	<b>Name Of Deceased</b>	<b>Name &amp; Surname Of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name Of Mother</b>
January 1, 2006	Raymond Dickinson	Paul Dickinson	Cora Goodspeed
February 16, 2006	Sybil Norton	Allard Spencer	Olive Bullock
July 6, 2006	Angelo Correnti	Antonio Correnti	Josephine Catinelli
December 7, 2006	Donald Kreider	Jacob Kreider	Rosanna Rittenhouse
December 27, 2006	Charles Stewart	James Stewart	Alice Haynes

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Lissa Boissonneault, Town Clerk

**TOWN HOURS  
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE  
823-8468**

Monday ..... 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Tuesday and Thursday ..... 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
823-8516**

Monday ..... 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Tuesday and Thursday ..... 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**PLANNING BOARD**

First Wednesday of each month ..... 5:30 PM

**ZONING BOARD**

As needed ..... 6:30 PM

**TRANSFER STATION**

Sunday ..... 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Monday ..... 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday, Thursday ..... CLOSED  
Wednesday ..... 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Friday ..... 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Saturday ..... 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
823-7001**

Monday ..... 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Tuesday ..... 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Thursday ..... 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Saturday ..... 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
823-5336**

Thursday ..... 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Saturday ..... 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Sunday ..... 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

OPEN: Mid June - Mid October

**FIRE, POLICE, LIFE SQUAD  
EMERGENCY ONLY  
911**

**Non-Emergency Police  
823-8725  
823-8123**

**Non-Emergency Fire Department  
823-8415  
823-8123**

**Highway Department  
823-8788**

**Meetinghouse  
823-7011**

